

ABSTRACT

WA-I-326

19th Century

Log Farmhouse

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1367

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broadfording Road

CITY, TOWN

Bostetter

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED $\leq 50\%$

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located on the north side of Broadfording Road just east of Salem Church Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on a rocky ridge of ground and face south.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay log structure resting on fieldstone foundations. The structure has been sheathed with German siding and has a double porch which extends along the entire front elevation. A one story, two bay ell also sheathed with German siding extends to the rear or north.

Windows and doors appear to be aligned with each other in the front elevation. Windows have narrow casings which contain at the first story level, two over two pane double hung sashes. At the second story level some six over six sashes remain. Hinge pins in the casings indicate the shutters were present at one time.

Two entrances are located side by side in the central area of the front elevation. They are treated similarly having four panel doors hung beneath four light transoms. The eastern door has had its upper panels removed and replaced with glass. At the second story a door in the second bay from the east end of the house opens onto the upper level of the double porch.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Brick chimneys which have been rebuilt are located inside the end walls. An exterior chimney is attached to the north end of the ell.

North and east of the house is a stone end bank barn with frame gables. Fences built of native stone skirt the property and fields near the house and barn.

The buildings appear to be in fair condition and stand on a tract containing 101 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Broadfording Road along which the buildings are located is one of the older roads in the county and is known to have been in use during the 18th century. Salem Church Road which meets Broadfording Road just west of the buildings is also one of Washington County's older thoroughfares.

The farm includes parts of the land grants "Wolf's Chance," "More Grumbling" and "Much Grumbling."

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 101 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| | |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |
| STATE | COUNTY |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

DATE

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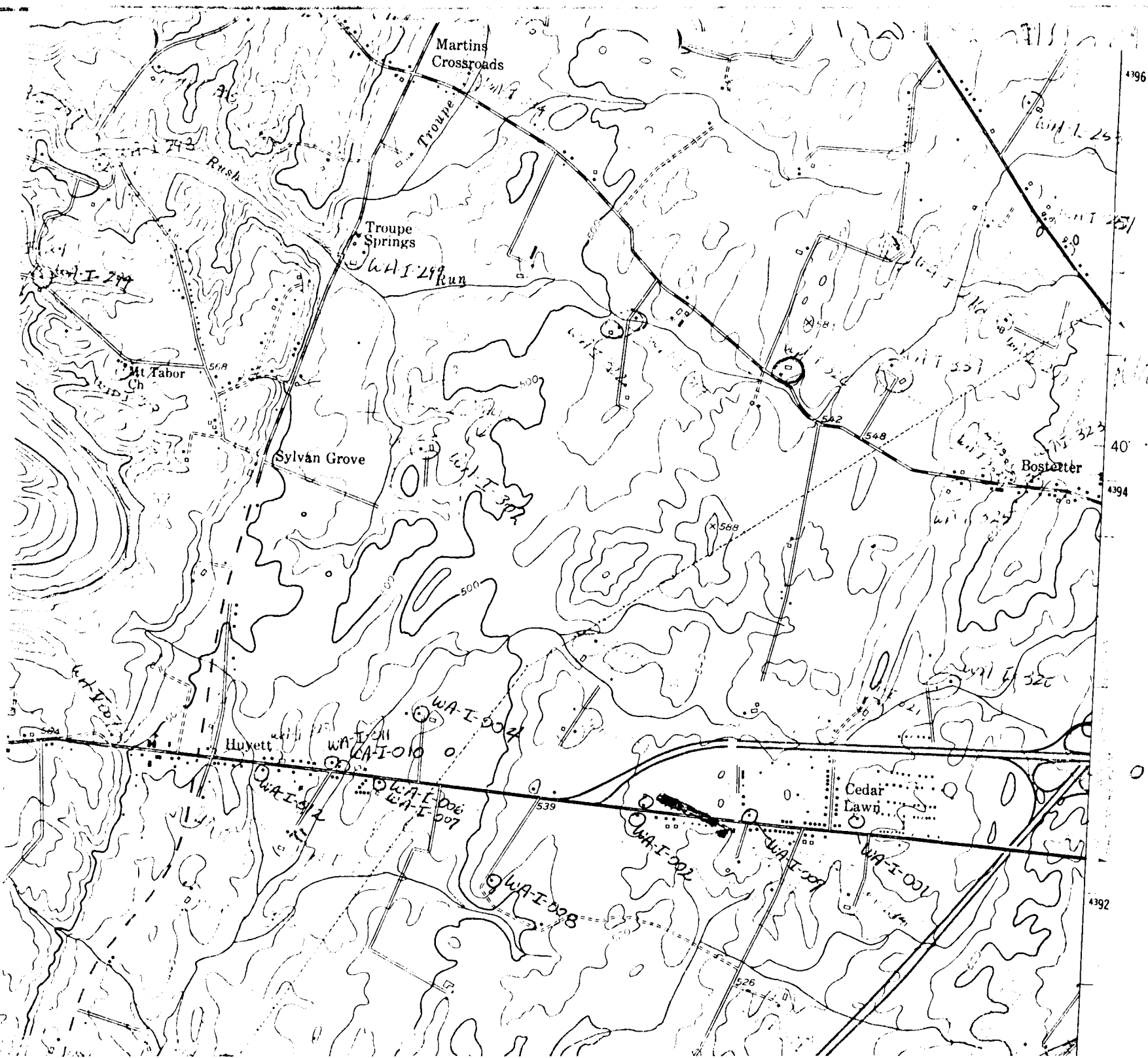
STATE

Maryland 21740

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